

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Sutton Library Land Acquisition

**State Funding Requested: \$ 600,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)****Brief Project Description:**

Land acquisition and construction of a new community public library in Sutton.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$3,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Rasmuson Foundation			\$658,000	09		
Local Funds	\$600,000	09				
Total	\$600,000		\$658,000			

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

A Sutton public library would service all the residents of the Upper Matanuska River Valley, which includes the communities of Sutton, Chickaloon, Glacier View, Moose Creek, and Lake Louise. The library would be part of the Matanuska-Susitna Library Network and their shared automation system. This facility would be a source for local, state, and federal government information and would be a satellite office for the Alaska Job Center Network. The building would also serve as a public meeting facility for local community councils, road service board, historical society, PTA, and local non-profits.

This type of facility would help provide means to offer services for hard-to-reach and at-risk populations such as teens, senior citizens, and others. Examples of these services include public health, youth and fellowship gatherings, and organized community events.

MSB has issued an RFP for architectural plans.

In order to obtain funding from the Rasmuson Foundation, the project will have to obtain more committed funds.

If this funding is approved, there could be a ground breaking this Fall and additional increases in construction costs will be avoided.

**Project Timeline:**

2 year period, beginning in July 2008

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name: John Duffy, Borough Manager

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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### CY2008 Capital Project Description **Sutton Public Library/Community Center**

1. **Project Name:** Sutton Public Library/Community Center
2. **Project Location and House District:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough;  
House District 12-F
3. **Description of Project:** Construction of a new community facility/public library in Sutton, AK. Using the template of the Big Lake Public Library, the Sutton facility will be approximately 5,800 square feet. Modifications will be made to ensure energy efficiency and compatibility with local resident's requests. A site drawing is attached.
4. **Describe the regional benefits of the project, if any.** The Sutton Public Library services all the residents of the Upper Glenn Highway, encompassing the communities of Sutton, Chickaloon, Glacier View and Lake Louise. As a member of the Matanuska-Susitna Library Network and their shared automation system, the Sutton Library also provides services to all residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. As well as library services, we are a primary source for local and state government information as well as a Satellite office for the Alaska Job Center Network. The facility serves as a public meeting facility for local community councils, road service boards, historical societies, PTA's and other non-profit organizations.
5. **Describe the public health and safety aspects of the project, if any.** The facility offers services for hard-to-reach and at-risk populations such as teens, senior citizens and immigrants with services including public health clinics, planned activities and current health information. We serve as a "safe" place for youth to gather and participate in organized activities.
6. **Amount of Funding Request:** \$2,400,000
7. **Total funding to complete the project:** \$3,000,000
8. **Number of years to complete the project; start and end dates:** 2 years; July 2008 – July 2009
9. **Matching funds available/sources:** Mat-Su Borough: \$600,000;  
\$658,000 Rasmuson Foundation Request

**10. If the project received prior state appropriations, list the amount and the year of the appropriation:**

FY 2003 & 2004 – \$37,000 (MSB Capital Appropriation)

FY2007 - \$50,000 (State of Alaska Dept. of Commerce, Community & Economic Development– Legislative Grant)

**11. Are funds for the project included in the Governor’s proposed FY2009 budget? If so, where? No**

**12. Are federal funds being sought, either through competitive grants or earmarks? No.**

**13. Has the project gone through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action by the governing body?** Support of the Matanuska-Susitna Library Board  
Written support of the project by the Chickaloon Community Council  
Listed as the #1 Capital Improvement priority by the Sutton Community Council  
Listed in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Capital Improvement Projects

**14. If funding is made available for the project this year, who will be responsible for providing the ongoing maintenance and operations costs?** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**15. Project contact information – name, address, e-mail, phone number:**

John Duffy, Borough Manager

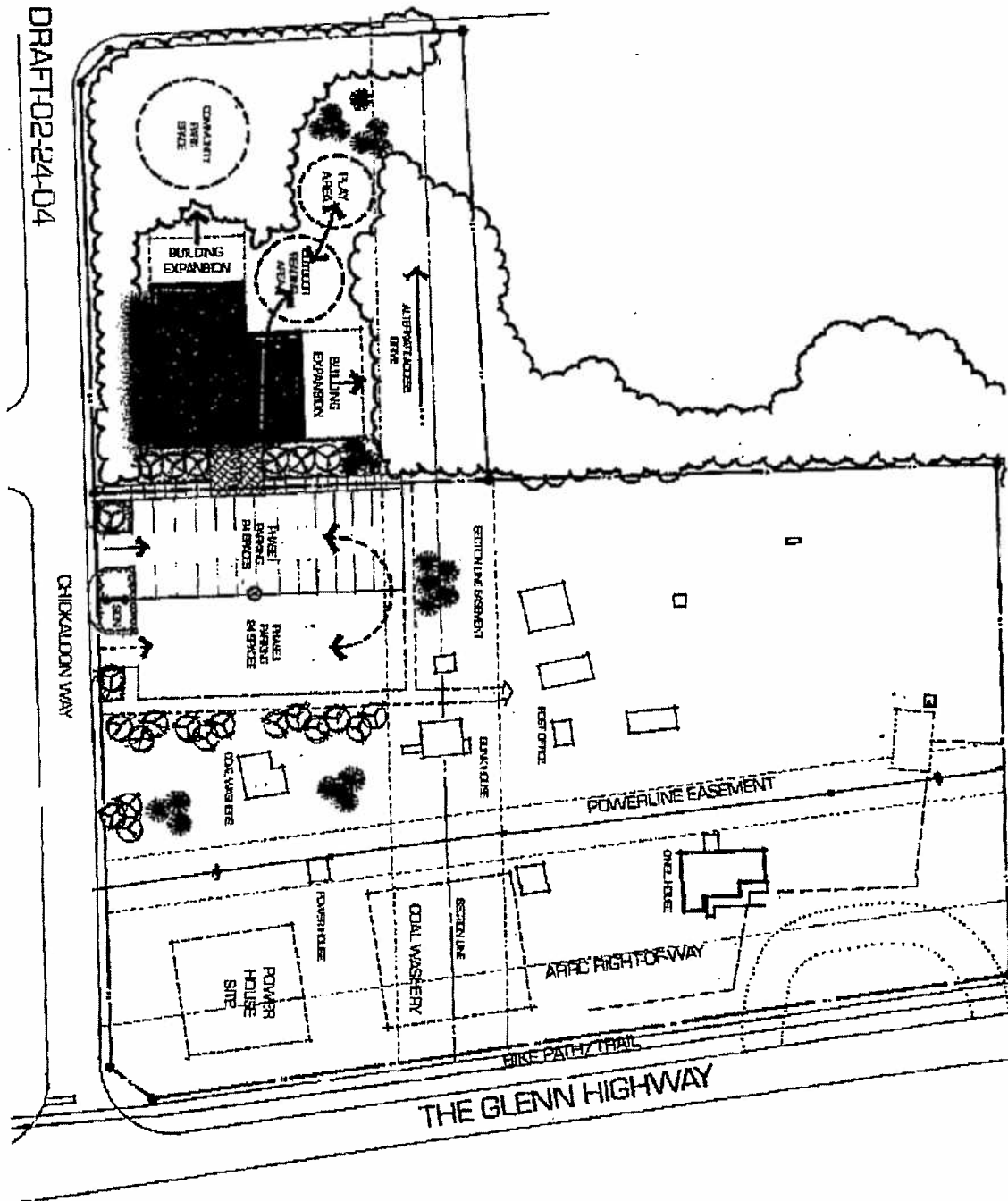
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SUTTON LIBRARY SITE SELECTION  
MAT-SU BOROUGH

SITE 2 - ALPINE HISTORIC SITE  
ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND

# SUTTON LIBRARY - COMMUNITY CENTER

COSTS	FUNDING	STATUS	Other Possible Funding Sources
Land Acquisition	\$43,000	\$43,000 Complete	
Design/Contract Admin	\$193,200		
LEED Certification/Contingency	\$360,000		
Construction	\$2,400,000	\$600,000 MSB FY08 Appropriation	Rasmuson - Grant Request
Furniture & Equipment	\$88,596	\$37,000 MSB FY 03 & 04 Capital	Friends of Sutton Library - Fund Raising
		\$7,000 GCI Sutton Grant	
		\$7,000 SB 231 ADCED FY07	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,084,796</b>	<b>\$694,000 Funding to Date</b>	
		<b>FY09 → \$2,390,796</b>	Balance needed for construction

FY08 \$600K was approved... then vetoed  
 total \$1.8 million

December 12, 2007

Speaker John Harris  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
716 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501-2133

Dear Speaker Harris:

Thank you for your support in the last legislative session. We appreciate your endeavors in helping us secure funding for our library/community facility in Sutton.

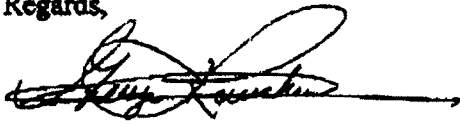
Our community council has once again put the project at the top of our list for capital projects for our community.

To bring you up to date, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has completed purchase of the property site for the new facility. The Borough Assembly has also appropriated \$600,000 towards the \$1.7 million dollar construction cost. A proposal for the facility has been submitted to the Rasmuson Foundation for review at their June board meeting. Design of the building is scheduled to be completed this spring. Further the community has committed to raising \$20,000 towards the project on a local level.

And so...here comes the begging... We are again looking to our state representatives to try and bring \$600,000 (which was cut during the Governor's line item veto last June) in state money back to the table. As you know, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly appropriated their funding as a match for this capital request.

In light of recent developments with the budget excess levels, this may be an opportune time to present this project again. We appreciate your tenacity in keeping our project visible as well as for the support you continue to provide our community.

Regards,



George Rauscher  
President, Sutton Community Council

Cc: Lynne Woods, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Representative  
Linda Brenner, Director of Community Development, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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